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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,
With frost on the pumpkins and the leaves falling, soon snow will be on the ground, making de-

tecting a little difficult, so try to get the most in every day.

I hope that many of you have had an opportunity to get out and find some great items, I know that this is the time of year when the days are getting shorter and the holiday gatherings increase.

I would like to thank our wonderful quest speaker last month, Mr. Doug Springmeyer. His presentation about geocaching and geocoins was fantastic. Now you can get your GPS system out and start hunting for geocoins.



Often while we are out detecting we come across some old bottles, sometimes not really knowing what type of great find we may have in our hands.
To learn more about old bottles

this month we will have an open forum of questions and discussion directed by one of our own, Mr. Johnny Player. Johnny and his dad (Jack) have been hunting for and finding bottles for many years. This will be a great treat



for us all to learn more about old bottles. **Please plan on bringing with you some of the great bottles you have found through the years and we can all learn more about bottles and share some great stories.**

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting this month. Keep searching for that gold coin. Remember it's just around the corner.

Member Bio

As a kid growing up I was interested in coin collecting. I would go to banks and get rolls to search through and then return what I didn't want and get more. Then they quit making silver coins

and also went to the memorial back penny. Soon only new money was at the banks.

I heard about metal detecting and thought this would be a good way to find the wheat cents and silver coins. I found out it was also fun to research and hunt old sites. I also learned a lot about history. I have shared with others and have gotten a lot of friends into the hobby too. It is a great association and I have made new friends. I have been able to help several people find their wedding rings. It is good to find and give back something of sentimental value to the owner. I once found a class ring in a co-workers yard to find out it belonged to the landlady who had granted permission to search. It made her very happy to get it back. The funny thing is she had lost it so long ago she had forgotten about it.



I like the club and the good people we have coming and the new people that are joining.

I hope seeing the club keep going in a positive direction, and many good people joining up.

Don Swain, Medals Chairman

OBITUARY

Narwin Lawrence Sjoberg
(1917 - 2009)



OGDEN - Narwin Lawrence Sjoberg, 91, died May 29, 2009, in Ogden. He was born June 22, 1917, in Millville, Utah, the son of Lawrence Edward and Mabel Jones Sjoberg. Narwin graduated from Logan High School, Utah State University and Ozenfant School of Fine Art in New York City. He served in the Navy during WWII from 1942-46. Narwin married Annie Elaine Nielsen on Aug. 12, 1955, in the Logan LDS Temple and they have resided in Ogden for 51 years. He was a member of the LDS Church and served in many callings. Narwin was a gifted artist and lifetime member of the Ogden Palette Club. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; daughters, Karalyn Sjoberg, Lori Ann Sjoberg and Dawn Marie Sjoberg; son, Stuart Lawrence Sjoberg; brothers, Edward J. Sjoberg (Flora) and Russell J. Sjoberg (Marilyn); and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph Jones Sjoberg; and sister, Erma Sjoberg Maughan.

EDITOR: *I talked every year to Narwin since I've been in the club. He had such a positive outlook. For many years he had a conflict with our club and a postcard club he belonged to. His health deteriorated so he was unable to attend either meeting. I tried several times to get him a ride so he could come rejoin us. Unfortunately, he felt his health would not allow it. It was such a pleasure talking with him. I am including excerpts from a letter he wrote to the club in 2006.*

"Dear Members:

Due to my age and health problems that I have it is hard for me to get around. So I have to use a cane and a wheelchair.

...I have diabetes and leukemia. I am keeping them under control by staying on a non-fat and non-sugar diet. So far they are stable.

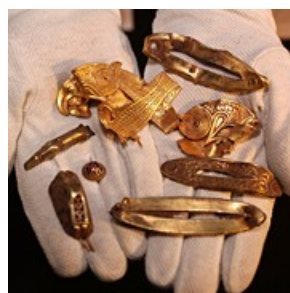
...I belong to the Palette Art Club in Ogden. I am an artist and have a B.S. Degree of Art and Masters Degree of Art from the Utah State University. I went to all of the meetings of the Palette Club but several years ago I started having trouble with my arches and legs so I could not go anymore.

...I also studied at the Ozenfant School of Fine Art in New York City.

...My wife and I have a handicap daughter. She was injured at birth. She is now 50 years old and needs full time care and much love."

The unemployed man who discovered a haul of Anglo-Saxon gold in Staffordshire says he was "glad to get rid of the items" because finding the haul was too much of a burden.

Terry Herbert claims he felt stressed at the prospect of "night hawks" finding the spot where the treasure was buried and taking the objects for themselves.



He found the largest ever haul of Anglo-Saxon gold in a private field over five days in July.

A coroner has declared the find to be treasure, meaning Mr Herbert

stands to make a lot of money if the gold is sold off once it has been valued.

The 55-year-old says he was glad to see the archaeologists take over the dig from him, so he could finally relax about having made such a valuable find.

"It was nice to see the archaeologists having their fun retrieving the items out of the ground, it was more fun for them than it was for me," he said. "When they showed me a gold item it was just another piece of gold, the novelty was wearing off, i'd done my piece and it was their responsibility then."



After contacting the authorities about his hoard, Mr Herbert described the Finds Liaison Officer as

"gobsmacked" when he showed the extent of his



discovery.
"He had about
240 objects off
me in boxes ..
.he just couldn't
stop saying
"wow" his eyes
were wide open
... it was over-

whelming for him."

Mr Herbert found the gold using a 14-year-old metal detector, much to the envy of his fellow metal "detectorists". "My mates seem disheartened when I find something and they don't. They've bought new, modern machines and I've found out my old machine can find what they miss."

Since he discovered the first piece of treasure, more than 1,500 items have been discovered in the field, the location of which has been kept secret. "When it's cleaned up and put on show properly, I think it'll make a very good exhibition," he said.

"Stuff like this is still in the ground, I wonder, is there any better stuff than this to be found?"

:: The treasure is being held in secure storage at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

Treasure Hunt With A High-Tech Twist

(CBS) Treasure hunts aren't about finding chests of gold anymore. In a new kind of modern treasure hunt, the treasure could be anything, hidden just about anywhere — in the woods, by a mountain trail, in a city park. **CBS News correspondent Sandra Hughes** reports that this kind of hunt has a high-tech twist that's enough fun to lure kids outdoors and away from their video games.

Monica Dettloff doesn't have any problem getting her kids excited about going for a hike. That's because this hike is more than just a stroll in the woods: It's a treasure hunt — and to find the treasure, they get to use a GPS device. That's way cooler than a GameBoy.

These handheld devices, at one time used only by the

military, have inspired a treasure-hunting craze that's sweeping the globe.

What the treasure-hunters find is called a "cache." It's the hidden treasure in the new sport of geo-caching.

The hunt begins at home, where geo-cachers find their first clues on the club's Web site. Next, they pug the satellite coordinates of the treasure into the GPS — and then hit the trail. Anyone can do the hiding, and the caches can be hidden anywhere. So far, there are more than a quarter of a million hiding places in more than 200 countries.

What's inside is never very valuable. Winning is more about stamping the log sheet to prove you've conquered the challenge and found the cache ... which must always be replaced for the next geo-cachers.

"You take something, you put something else back in," says 7-year-old Ryan, Monica's son.

Monica's 18-month-old daughter, Kyla, is one of the youngest treasure hunters. Shirley O'Connell, age 84, is one of the oldest. As long as the weather is good, Shirley and Jack are on the prowl, patting down gates, beating the bushes and heading wherever their GPS leads them.

After finding a cache in some ivy, Jack and Shirley are at 1,500 finds ... and counting.

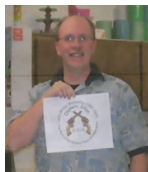
"We hope to live long enough to get to 2,000," says Jack.

"I like the challenge of hunting for things," adds Shirley. "It keeps you young."

For those who are young, there are different pleasures. Says Ryan, "You get to find treasures and you get to see snakes and all kinds of animals."

Now *that's* an activity with something for everyone.

SEPTEMBER PHOTOS



Please take a look at the club website. Johnny Gallegos (left) is the webmaster and is doing a great job. It is updated frequently and has lots of club info for people interested. We have already had someone join the club from visiting the website.

<http://utahtokensociety.com/>



For more information on geocaching, which was the subject of our last meeting, please visit their website.

Utah Association of GeoCachers
<http://www.utahgeocachers.com/>

Doug Springmeyer,
Guest Speaker in September

Bob Whipple,
Wagonmaster



Refreshment time
Don Swain and
Boyd Pickering

Bob Campbell,
Bourse Chairman



Find of the Month Winners



Todd Monson



Leo Vera



Cliff Fausett

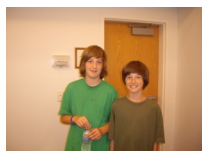


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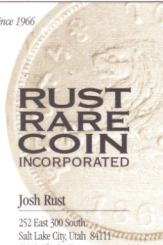


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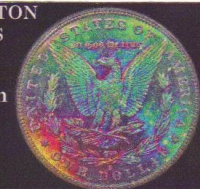
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